

Sermon Notes – December 23, 2018

Five Special Women (*Matthew 1*)

- I. Tamar (*Genesis 38*) (*Matthew 1:3*)
 - A. Wife of Er, who was evil. (*Genesis 38:7*)
 - B. Deceived her father-in-law, Judah. (*Genesis 38:15*)
 - C. Conceived twins by Judah. (*Genesis 38:18*)
 1. Perez = breach.
 2. Zerah = dawning or brightness.

- II. Rahab (*Joshua 2, 6*) (*Matthew 1:5*)
 - A. Harlot; Gentile; Canaanite in Jericho.
 - B. Hid the spies, lied to the king of Jericho.

- III. Ruth (*Matthew 1:5*)
 - A. Moabite (Moab)
 - B. Moabites were produced by incest. (*Genesis 19:30-38*)
 - C. Moabites were pagan idol worshippers.
 1. Polytheistic
 2. Offered human sacrifices to gods like Chemosh.
 - D. Jews were forbidden to marry Moabites. (*Ezra 9:10-15*)

- IV. Bathsheba, wife of Uriah (*2 Samuel 11-12*) (*Matthew 1:6*)
 - A. Victim of abuse.
 - B. Experienced tragedies:
 1. Loss of her husband.
 2. Loss of her baby.

- V. Mary (*Matthew 1:16*)
 - A. Pregnant before married. (*Matthew 1:18-19*)
 - B. Joseph intended to divorce her.
 - C. Reputation would have been sullied.



- VI. Five special women.
- A. Tamar: Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah! (*Revelation. 5:5*)
 - B. Rahab: Jesus, the provider of the scarlet thread of redemption!
(*Joshua 2:18; Ephesians 1:7*)
 - C. Ruth: Jesus, the One who grafts the Gentile into the Jewish tree!
(*Romans 11*)
 - D. Bathsheba: Jesus, the healer of the abused and broken-hearted!
(*Matthew 11:28-30*)
 - E. Mary: Jesus, the evidence of the favor of God!
(*Luke 1:30, 46-55*) (*Hebrews 1:1-4*)